

## **Users Executive Committee meeting minutes for May 13, 2016**

The meeting, chaired by Bill Louis, began at 8:30. Jesus Orduna, Thomas Strauss, Minerba Betancourt, Fernanda Garcia, Louise Suter, Mateus Carneiro, Sarah Lockwitz, Thomas Strauss, Robert Fine, Sebastian Aderhold, Kim Pearce, Griselda Lopez, Katie Yurkewicz, and Hema Ramamoorthi attended the meeting. Nigel Lockyer and Tim Meyer were also present, representing the Directorate. Ed Kearns & Elena Gramellini attended by phone.

### **Overview**

Bill Louis gave the chair report, and ran the meeting. He reviewed the status of old issues, such as providing extra summer housing for students and postdocs. As discussed below by Minerba, Griselda has started a Pilot Program with 62 rooms reserved at a lower rate this summer at Candlewood Suites in Warrenville. Also, the Users Office will move from its present location on the Mezzanine to the ground floor, where Visual Media Services is now located. Regarding Government Relations, it was agreed that we should invite the chairs of the LHC and SLAC Users groups to UEC meetings associated with the DC trip.

The next UEC meetings are planned for June 17<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Report from the Directorate**

Nigel Lockyer and Tim Meyer represented the Directorate. There will be a DOE Operations Review of Fermilab next week, which will be the first such review since 2004. The DOE wants to determine the efficiency of Fermilab operations. The first stage of the revitalization of the Users Center occurred 10 days ago. Also, the Directorate is looking into having more foreign students come to Fermilab for short-term stays, where the home country chooses the students and covers travel costs and Fermilab provides subsistence. Also discussed was the issue of food trucks, which would affect cafeteria operations; Fermilab would either

subsidize the food trucks or have the food trucks compete with the cafeteria. One option would have the food trucks operate after the cafeteria closes at 4:00 PM. Finally, filtered water service is being planned for the Village.

### **Report from Washington**

Leland Cogliani of Lewis-Burke Associates reported on the news from Washington. There is good news on the Hill, as the Senate passed the Energy-Water Bill last week, which is the fastest in over 40 years, with no amendments for the Office of Science. The Bill includes \$833M for DOE/HEP, which is the amount requested for the UEC trip to DC. HEP is the only program in the Office of Science that was above the President's request. The House will take up the bill soon, and the hope is that the House and Senate reach agreement and the bill gets signed by October 1, so that there is no continuing resolution. Both Republicans and Democrats are very supportive of STEM and Physical Sciences and HEP! Finally, the recent National Laboratory Science Day went very well. The event was held in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, and there were several hundred attendees. A big hit was the 3D view of MicroBooNE, which was observed with special glasses.

### **Government Relations Sub-Committee**

Jesus and Louise met with Katie, Griselda, Kim, and others yesterday to discuss the DC trip. All funding for the DC trip will now come from FRA, although the funding levels will be similar to this year and will support ~25 people. Also, it was suggested that next year's packet should contain less material than this year and that the review and planning for the DC trip start earlier.

### **Users Meeting Sub-Committee**

Thomas Strauss reported on Users Meeting activities. A Users Meeting announcement is now displayed on the Fermilab News Webpage. The banquet will be free for all, but tickets are still needed for accounting. The caterer this year will be Tarragon. The budget for the meeting is

\$25K, including Festa Italiana, plus an additional \$7.3K from the vendors. Tickets also are needed (and are going fast) for the Public Lecture by Dr. Barry Barish, entitled “Einstein, Black Holes and a Cosmic Chirp”. There will be 40 posters displayed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor crossover, and 13 judges will decide on the \$150/\$100/\$50 prizes. Also, there will be a “Fermilab for Users” display and booths for 15 vendors at the meeting, and there are plans for a MINOS celebration at the end of the Users Meeting. A Webpage and Indico Template are now online. There are 228 registrants so far, and the registration closes on June 1.

### **Quality of Life Sub-Committee**

Minerba reported on the Quality of Life sub-committee activities. As mentioned earlier, Griselda has started a Pilot Housing Program with Candlewood Suites in Warrenville with 62 rooms allocated. The room costs have been reduced to \$2070/30 days for a suite and \$1650/30 days for a studio. Fermilab will have priority, and there will be a free shuttle to and from Fermilab and also to downtown Naperville. Other hotels and apartments are also being investigated, and work is underway on recommendations for village housing.

### **Fermilab Student and Postdoc Association report**

Rob Fine reported for the FSPA. The New Perspectives conference will take place in WH1W and will have 54 talks, which is an increase from 40 talks last year. In addition, as reported above, there will be 40 posters presented at the Users Meeting. Two booklets are planned: one booklet for the Users Meeting and another booklet for the New Perspectives abstracts.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bill Louis, UEC chair